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April 26, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
House Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting \$4,940,000 in funding for *Bannister Creek Bridge Rehabilitation* in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Nassau County Department of Public Works and the project is located along the Nassau Expressway, north of the Reynolds Channel in Lawrence, New York. The zip code is 11559.

The funding is designated for rehabilitating the Bannister Creek Bridge, which is 70 years old and services the Atlantic Beach Toll Bridge. A New York State Department of Transportation inspection revealed several structural deficiencies that this funding would help ameliorate.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits of rehabilitating a Coastal Evacuation Route that services the entire western half of the Long Beach Barrier Island and ensuring coastal areas in the Five Towns and along the barrier island are protected when a severe weather event occurs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Rice
Member of Congress (NY-04)